

## Colombia is Bleeding

*Nellie McKay is having trouble getting her new album, Pretty Little Head, released, apparently due to the content of artistic differences with the record label. The best song on the album, and one that is particularly mentioned in this regard, is "Columbia is Bleeding", her vicious portrayal of college life while students are oblivious to [the animal torture going on around them](#).*

*However, it seems like the song might really be more appropriate for [a different Colombia](#). Here, then, are those lyrics...*

another day begins  
you check the news  
ah-sass-ih-nay-she-uns  
here come the footstep of the man who'll end your life  
the rifle's is fitted in  
and there you are  
the shot is targeted  
then a scream

hold your placard up / cold and coffee cup  
after go to a bar  
hand your flier out / must admire  
how dedicated you are  
i don't wanna know if biz is boomin'  
or the goods you make are on sale  
i don't wanna know 'bout your ["saintly glow" or your "noble" show](#)  
or if you think you ought to bail

Chris Hogan / she had to run  
last night'd been a lot of fun  
but now it's french / a little tense  
she hadn't done the reading  
there she sat / hoped to pass  
didn't think to face the fact  
that oh by gosh o lack o lass  
colombia is bleeding  
walkin' down / off the bus  
Vicky Lucas crossed campus was  
thinkin' how she's made it now  
that successful feeling  
walked by fast / hoped to pass no clue 'bout the shirt she has  
and while she's sittin' in lit class  
colombia is bleeding

the union is in town  
and there they are  
the forces come on down  
then a scream

everybody knows protesters are those  
schmoes who don't have a life  
see these businessmen seeking profit and  
have to suffer such strife  
i don't wanna know if the world is flat  
or you can't check your email  
i don't wanna know [if your cell won't work or that guy's a jerk](#)  
or if you think you ought to bail

generalize, proselytize, verbs were spillin' out their sides  
as Charles Eise buys his supplies gets ready for a meeting  
tried for track / hit the mat  
didn't think to face the fact  
that while he's thinkin' "man, that's wack!"  
colombia is bleeding  
quite a snob he didn't tip  
nice guy Rob watched the eclipse  
and looked around / "i've made it now  
i'm just so glad to be here"  
made a pass / got hand slapped  
didn't think to face the fact  
that while he's mackin' on that ass  
colombia is bleeding

the catholic religion  
[decides to help the poor](#)  
while we rename the school in  
[which we train the men](#) and  
then a scream

they're just criminals / make good worker cells  
[pushing drugs and disease](#)  
empire's pretty fun / we got power, son  
[we can do as we please](#)  
i don't wanna know 'bout your drug war claims  
or how it's gonna fail  
i don't wanna know if you need to show you're a real madman  
or you think you're gonna bail  
hail!

Tee-Tee Green / pressed mezzanine  
ended up beside the team  
and gave a cheer / got some beers  
with friends who started drinkin'  
back with Zach said "i look fat"  
didn't think to face the fact  
that while she's under self-attack  
colombia is bleeding  
Rodney J. began to pray  
his momma lost her life that day  
had been a year / it wasn't clear  
if he was safe or screamin'  
as he jabbed the bible flap  
he didn't think to face the beast  
of profiteering that killed the priest  
colombia is bleeding

this is america

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